

REQUIREMENTS FOR RN/LPN ENDORSEMENT APPLICANTS

EDUCATED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY (Including Canada)

(Note: Endorsement means nurses who are licensed in another US state or Territory and wish to apply for licensure in Arizona.)

FOR A PROFESSIONAL OR PRACTICAL NURSE TO OBTAIN LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT YOU MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED FROM A → F.

It is to your advantage not to apply for licensure until you have completed the validation of education requirements process or received a copy of the evaluation report. Because these processes are lengthy, the timeframe for your application may expire before the information is received.

A. Validation of Educational Requirements

- Request an application from Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) to obtain **one** of the following:
 1. The Health Care Professionals Course by Course Report
 2. The Full Education Course by Course Report
 3. VISA screen certificate
 4. CGFNS Certification (Option not available for foreign educated practical nurses.)

If you choose to obtain 1, 2, 3, or 4, please note that a temporary license will not be issued unless the Arizona State Board of Nursing has received a CGFNS ID number (assigned by CGFNS upon receipt of your application to CGFNS) verifying you have applied to CGFNS.

If you have requested a CES report (i.e., option #1 or 2) you will be sent a copy of the report when a copy is sent to ASBN. CGFNS does **not** send a copy of the VISA screen or the CGFNS certification to you (i.e., option #3 or 4).

OR

- Request an application from International Education Research Foundation (IERF) to complete an educational equivalency report. IERF will send you a copy of the report when a copy is sent to ASBN.

OR

- Request (or download) an application from Educational Records Evaluation Services (ERES) to complete an Education Evaluation for Nursing Licensure. ERES will send you a copy of the report when a copy is sent to ASBN.

OR

- Have the Canadian licensure board submit a passing score on the English language version of the CNATS or CRNE (Canadian Licensure Exam) **and** verification of Canadian licensure status directly to ASBN.

**Commission on Graduates
of Foreign Nursing Schools**
3600 Market Street, Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651
Phone: 215-349-8767
Website: www.cgfns.org

**International Education Research
Foundation**
P.O. Box 3665
Culver City, CA 90231
Phone: 310-258-9451
Fax: 310-342-7086
E-mail: information@ierf.org
Website: www.ierf.org

**Educational Records Evaluation
Services**
601 University Avenue, Suite 127
Sacramento, CA 95825-6738
Phone: 916-921-0791
Toll-free: 866-411-ERES
Fax: 916-921-0793
Email: edu@eres.com
Website: www.eres.com

B. Validation of English Language Skills

- If you have graduated from a nursing program in a country or territory where the principle language is English, i.e. Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, Trinidad, Tobago, South Africa, Jamaica, Barbados, or United States/Territory, you do not need to validate your English language skills.
- If the principal language of the country where your nursing program was given is a language other than English, you are required to obtain one of the following options. All test results must be sent by the testing company directly to ASBN.
 1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (**TOEFL**) – minimum score of 207 on the computer based version **AND** Test of Spoken English (**TSE**) – minimum score of 50.

OR

Paper-based **TOEFL** – minimum score of 540 **AND** Test of Spoken English (**TSE**) minimum score of 50.

OR

The Internet-Based (**iBT**) **TOEFL** – minimum score of 76.

To have results sent to Arizona State Board of Nursing, use the code 9680 when completing your application.

For TOEFL and TSE Testing Information Contact

Educational Testing Services
PO Box 6151
Princeton, NJ 08541-6151 USA

Phone: 1-877-863-3546
Fax: 1-609-771-7500
Email: TOEFL@ETS.org
Website: www.toefl.org

OR

2. International English Language Test Service Academic Examination (**IELTS**) – minimum score of 6.5 on the Overall Band Score and 7.0 on the Speaking Score.

For IELTS Testing Information Contact	
IELTS, INC.	Phone: 1-626-564-2954
100 East Corson Street, Suite 200	Fax: 1-626-564-2981
Pasadena, CA 91103	Email ielts@ieltsintl.org

OR

3. Test of English in International Communication (**TOEIC**) – minimum score of 725 **and** Test of Spoken English (**TSE**) – minimum score of 50.

For TOEIC Testing Information Contact	
TOEIC Testing Program	Phone: 1-609-771-7170
Educational Testing Service	Fax: 1-609-734-1560
Rosedale Road	
Princeton, NJ 08541	www.TOEIC@ets.cin

OR

4. Visa Screen Certificate from CGFNS (see prior information to contact CGFNS)

OR

5. A CGFNS Certificate **AND** a score of 50 on the Test of Spoken English (**TSE**).

OR

6. Evidence of being employed as a nurse for at least 960 hours within the past 5 years in a country or territory where the principal language is English i.e. Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, Trinidad, Tobago, South Africa, Jamaica, Barbados, or United States/Territory. (Copy of work records can be included with your applications.)

NOTE: Validation of educational and language requirements must be received from the original source. Copies of certification, reports, and English Language Test results submitted by the applicant are not sufficient to validate completion of the requirements.

C. Validation of Practice

- Has practiced nursing for a minimum of 960 hours in the 5 years before the date on which the application was received.

OR

- Has completed a nursing education program and obtained a degree within past 5 years.

OR

- Has satisfactorily completed a Board approved refresher course within the past 5 years. (Go to – www.azbn.gov for list of approved refresher courses.)

OR

- Obtained an Advanced Nursing degree or Advance Practice Certificate within the past 5 years (i.e. RN →BSN, masters, or doctorate).

D. Passed NCLEX-RN or PN or State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE)**

****If you have passed the SBTPE in Canada, between certain dates you will have met the testing requirement.**

Province	First Administered	Last
Alberta	1954 (September)	1970 (June)
British Columbia	1949 (September)	1970 (April)
Manitoba	1955 (October)	1970 (April)
New Foundland	1961	1970
Nova Scotia	1955 (May)	1970 (August)
Prince Edward Island	1957	
Quebec	1959 (April)	1970 (August)
Saskatchewan	1956 (April)	1970 (April)

Nurses educated in a foreign country and have not passed NCLEX or SBTPE may apply for licensure by examination.

- E. Submit proof of licensure** as a graduate registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse in another state or US territory. This verification must be sent directly to the Arizona State Board of Nursing from your state of **original** licensure. See pages 7-9 to request verification, depending on your state of original licensure.

- F. Submit a completed application packet** including appropriate fees (US dollars), fingerprint card (**only** use card enclosed in application packet).

To obtain an application for RN/LPN ENDORSEMENT
go to our Website and download an application.

www.azbn.gov

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